the Question at Issue-Delaware and Hudson Presents Figures.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 11.-The mos interesting, if not the most import ant, testimony brought out at yester-day's session of the coal strike com-mission was to the effect that an al leged attempt was made by a former mine foreman to bribe two presidents of local unions of the miners to have 10 men in each local use their influence to have a resolution passed send ing the men to work, thus making a serious break in the solid ranks of the strikers. Each of the presidents was to receive \$2,500 and a good position as mine foreman, and each of the 10 men were to get from \$100 to \$200 each. The name of no company was mentioned in connection with the bribery scheme and none of the law yers cross-examined the witnesses. the

The large coal companies have taken notice of the testimony which has been presented against the Coxe and Markle companies. During the after noon session David Willcox, vice president of the belaware and Hudson and general counsel for the company, addressed the commission and protested vigorously against the commission. vigorously against the commission holding his company responsible for conditions that may exist at the Coxe and Markle mines. He was quickly stopped by Chairman Gray, who said that the commission did not intend to hold any company responsible for whatever special conditions may exist in other parts of the coal fields While none of the attorneys for the other coal carrying roads said any thing to the commission, they stated privately that Mr. Willcox's attitude in the matter had their endorsement Technical Testimony.

A large amount of technical testi mony was neard on various phases of the question at issue. Two check-weighmen produced figures which tended to show that at two of the Del-aware and Hudson collieries the min-ers produced 116,839 tons of coal more than they were poid for. The miners than they were paid for. The miners must bring up 3,136 pounds of coal and dirt to make a ton of 2,240 pounds of pure coal, and the union claims that the company gets more than 2,240 pounds of coal out of each "miner's" ton of 3,136, and produced official fig-

The Delaware and Hudson company presented its figures to the commission yesterday, they being the first certificated statistics to be handed in They show the average earthings of the miner in 1901 to have been \$622.58 and his laborer, \$449.47. When Mr Mitchell was on the stand he said that \$600 should be the minimum of American living wares.

session was consumed in trying to reach an understanding regarding the calling on witnesses by both sides David Willcox, vice president of and general counsel for the Delaware and Hudson company, did not think that the miners' side should present new witnesses after they had closed their case. At the morning session the miners asked the commission to per mit them to do so, if the operators at tempted to pile up cumulative evidence on any particular phase of the controversy. Mr. Willcox said that controversy. Mr. Willcox said that little of the testimony so far submit ted had anything to do with the four alleged grievances submitted to the commission.

Simon P. Wolverton, for the Read-ing company, presented the answer of General Superintendent Luther of the General Superintendent Luther of the same company, to the question propounded last Saturday by Commissioner Watkins as to whether the company and the miners had couplied with the agreement which ended the 1900 strike, to make an effort 10 establish harmonious relations. The an awer was to the effect that so far as Mr. Luther knew all grievants reported to the company by the men have been amicably adjusted.

As Mr. Darrow was not ready to go on with witnesses the commission adjourned 50 minutes earlier than usual

journed 50 minutes carlier than usual

Tomb Guard to Be Relieved Canton, O., Dec. 41.—Lieutenant Cowan, in command of the detail of soldiers at the McKinley tomb, has received notification from the adjutant that applies from will absorbe be warden that application will at once be made for the relief of the detachment. The centire regiment has been ordered to prepare to sail for Manila, March 1 According to preent plans a company from the Twentich infantry, located at the Columbus barracks, will relieve the detachment at Westlawn.

mer Extract of Mait company and the Christy Knife company, and damaged Trachuny Bros.' furniture factory, the A. D. Hook shirt factory, a laundry and saloon, entailing an aggregate loss of \$200,000, partly insured.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Semi-Annual Dividend.

YORK STOCK MARKET.

ich Three Points or Over in pading Active Securities, nds Dull and Weak.

rk, Dec. 11.—The stock marawakened yesterday from the of lethargy which has reselling movement. The seil ing gained in volume as the day progressed, until violent declines wer Losses renched three points or over in a few of the leading active stocks, including St. Paul, Pennsylva-nia, New York Central, Reading, Man-hattan and Amalgamated Copper Losses generally ranged from 1 to over 2 points.

The agreement effected in the Colo-rado Fuel dispute was greated with a 51/2 point drop in that security.

The bond market continued dull and came weak in sympathy with stocks Total sales, par value, \$2,480,000 United States old Coupons declined 1/2 per cent on the last call.

Pennsylvania Dairy Union.

Harrisburg, Dec. 11.—At vester-day's session of the Pennsylvania Dairy union in this city about 50 persons were present. Addresses were made by John Hamilton, secretary of the department of agriculture, W. F McSparren, president of the union and Jesse K. Cope, dairy and food commissioner. At the evening session the Pennsylvania Live Stock Breedassociation held a joint session with the dairymen. Papers were read by several members on agricultural Resolutions were adopted pledging the support of the allied agricultural organizations of Pennsylva-nia to the movement to secure an appropriation of \$50,0000 by the next legislature for a dairy building at the Pennsylvania state college.

Willing to Pay for Franchises.
St. Louis, Dec. 11.—Four bills for levated roads have been submitted to the municipal assembly, two having been presented to the city council and two to the house of delegates. The promoters of three of the bills ac knowledge the value of the franchisc they seek by offering compensation to the city. One of the companies offers the city 10 per cent of gross receipts or 20 per cent of net profits. Another offers the city \$40,000 for the franchise, and the third \$50,000 for the franchise asked for.

Will Hear from Dr. Pearson. Harrisburg, Dec. 11.-Governor Stone received yesterday a letter from Gov-ernor Yates, of Illinois, demanding a correction of his recent note to the Illinois executive criticising his action in quarantining the cattle of Penn sylvania and other eastern states. The governor has referred the communication to Dr. Leonard Pearson, state veterinarian and secretary of the Pennsylvania state live stock board and will make no reply to Governor Yates until after he has heard from

Husband Killed, Wife Fatally Hurt Steubenville, O., Dec. 11.—A fright Inl accident took place at dusk at Dead Man's Crossing, on the Cleve land and Pittsburg railroad. Albert Dray, a paper mili worker, and hir wife, who were walking along the rail \$600 should be the minimum of American living wages.

Calling of Witnesses.

The first half hour of the afternoon session was consumed in trying to reach an understanding regarding the calling on witnesses by both sides David Willeax yice president of and parish with a dozen fractures and in juries that will prove fatal.

Knows Nothing of it.

Cleveland, Dec. 11.—Referring to
the report that the Hocking Valley
rallway has passed into the control of
the Lake Shore, Vice President W. C.
Brown, of the latter company, said
vesterday: "Askin from the specific yesterday: "Aside from the reports printed in the newspapers, I have no knowledge whatever concerning the matter." Mr. Brown reached this city from New York Tuesday night.

Victim of Explosion.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 11.—Charles Stafford, one of the miners who was fatally injured by the dynamite explosion in the No. 5 mine of the La high and Wilkesbarre Coal company Tuesday, died vesterday from his in-juries. George Knauer, another of the juries. George Knauer, another of the juries. George Knauer, another of the injured, is in a critical condition. The coroner's investigation of the accident

Found Dead.

Bellefontaine, O., Dec. 11.—Aaron Burt, aged 60, and a wealthy bachelor was found dead yesterday morning, with a bullet hole in his breast, and the cottage at Lakeview, this county

Loss, \$200,000.

Fremont. C. Dec. 11.—Fire yester day destroy—the plants of the Trom mer Extract of Malt company and the Christy Knife company, and damaged Tschuny Bros. furniture factory, the A. D. Hook shirt factory, a laundry and set his affections was the property and selection and set his affections was the strength of the property and selection and set his affections was the strength of the property of th

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"Any man can marry any woman, Voltaire once cynically declared, "if he only pursues her long enough." This at any rate, was the experience of Ja-cob Halliday, a well known character in the north of England a couple of generations ago.

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"I'll ask her again next year," Jacob spluttered as he emerged from his bath, the fire of his passion not a whit quenched by his cold douche. "Regu-larly once a year, on the anniversary of his first proposal and immersion," Nicholson says in his biography of Mr. Halliday, "Jacob attired himself in his finest raiment and presented his peti-tion, always with the same negative result. When he presented himself, nov a middle aged man, for the twenty-fourth time, the lady greeted his appearance with a peal of laughter. 'It's no good, Jacob, I see, she exclaimed.
'I may as well give in now as later, but
what a faint hearted creature the importunate widow was compared with

when he sought to win the fairest of the beautiful daughters of Linley, the composer of Bath, who was strongly opposed to the suit of the brilliant opposed to the suit of the brilliant young poet and dramatist. His lady-love, too, was beset by an army of suitors, many of them far more eligible than the penniless law student. The circumstances called for bold and decisive action. After threatening to destroy himself if the lady refused his advances and fighting a couple of decision. advances and fighting a couple of duels with one of his most formidable rivals Sheridan took the bold step of junning away with Miss Linley and conducting her to a French nunnery, where she re-mained in confluement until, succumb-ing to her lover's daring and persist

ence, she consented to marry him.

An amusing and characteristic story is told of Lord Beaconsided in the days when he was wooing Mrs. Lewis to whom in later years of married life he was so touchingly devoted.

One day Mrs. Lewis, who was then

living in retirement at her seat in Glamorganshire, saw a gentleman walking leisurely up the drive, "Jane," she exclaimed to an old servant, "I really believe that horrid man Disraeli is com-ing up the drive. Do, please, run to the door and say I'm not at home." Jame opened the door to the undesired caller and gravely announced her message.
"I know," Disrnell coolly answered,
"but take my bag to a bedroom and prepare luncheon. I will wait until Mrs. Lewis is ready to come down-stairs," which, of course, Mrs. Lewis felt compelled to do a few minutes later.

"Oh, dear, what can I do with such the cottage at Lakeview, this county in which the body was found, was on fire. Considerable money hidden in the house is missing. Bellefontaine officers have gone to the scene.

day when Disrnell snowed no sign of raising the siege. "Marry him, I suppose, ma'am," was Jane's philosophic namewr, and, as the world knows, the persistent wooer had his way in the end in this as in most other things in

daughter of a purse proud man with a

daughter of a purse proud man with a high sounding name who was strongly opposed to giving his daughter to a "penniless lawyer."

"Do you know, sir," the father thundered when he was asked for his daughter's hand—"do you know, sir, that my daughter's ancestors have all been noblemen and that one of them was a favorite minister of Queen Ellzadirectors of the Northern Central Railroad company, at a meeting here yesterday, declared a semi-annual divided semi-annual divi

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